Prices that have

never been met. Reed Rockers, \$1.95 up. Child's Chairs, 60c. up. Im. Mahog. Arm Rockers,

\$1.75. Ladies' Desks, \$3.50 up. 5-dr. Chiffoniers, \$4 up. Dressing Tables, \$3.50 up. Wash. B. Williams,7th&D.

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Stock of "givables." For athletically inclined men, here are sporting goods of all ginds Foot Balls, Punching Bags, Boxing G.oves. For gunners—All sorts of Good Firearms. For photographic people—Cameras, all the tip-top quality ones at bottom-notch prices. For Indice—Manicure Sets, Cutlery of all kinds, Jewelry, Knick Knacks for the bendoir. Remember, we guarantee that no one in town will underquote us. Remember the name and the two addresses—

477 and 909 Pa. Ave.

"CRESCENT" Bicycles For Xmas

28-in. "Crescents". \$30 to \$55. 26-in. "Crescents".....\$30. 24-in. "Crescents"......\$25. 20-in. "Crescents".....\$20.

Western Wheel Works. Wash, Branch, S.E. Cor. 5th and H Sts. N.W. del8-28d HARRY S. JONES, JR., Mgr.



'98 Ottawa' \$27.50. 'Sylph" Wheel, a strong machine.

Crawford," like new, re-enameled and Iroquois Cycle Co.,

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Christmas.

Beautiful and attractive assorted boxes containing Russian, English and French Chocolates and Fruits.

N. W. Burchell, 1325 F st.

APPEALS FOR DIVORCE.

Mrs. Downs Asks for Separation and Secures Protection.

Elizabeth W. Downs this afternoon instituted suit for divorce against Thomas Downs. They were married at St. Dominic's Church, May 5, 1891, it is stated, and have one child. Mrs. Downs charges her husband with extreme cruelty, with constant drunkenness and with leading a vicious and immoral life since soon after their marriage. The 11th instant, it is further charged, the defendant moved out all the furniture from the rooms the couple were occupying, leaving the wife destitut In addition to a divorce, Mrs. Downs asks alimony, the custody of her child and authority to resume her maiden name, Wat-son. Wolfe and .tosnburg are her so-

licitors.

Judge Cox this afternoon signed an order restraining Mr. Downs from in any way molesting his wife, she declaring that he has threatened to harm her.

Christmas Entertainment.

The Sunday school of Hamelin Methodist Episcopai Church, at the corner of 9th and P streets, will give its friends and scholars a Christmas entertainment Wednesday, the 29th instant. Stereopticon views will be one of the features of the occasion.

Examination for Assistant Surgeon. A board of officers will be convened here January 25 for the purpose of examining for admission to the grade of assistant surgeon in the marine hospital service Candidates must be between twenty-one and thirty years of age, graduates of a respectable medical college and must fur-lish testimonials from responsible persons

Denies the Application.

Judge Cox, in the District Supreme Court today denied the application of the organization represented at the last Kansas City convention styling itself "The Regular Army and Navy Union" for an injunction to restrain the organization of the same name here from use of the name.

Gardiner Hubbard's Will.

On the petition of Gertrude M. Hubbard and Charles J. Bell, the will of the late Gardiner G Hubbard was this afternoon admitted to probate, by order of Judge Hagner, in the Probate Court. Letters testamentary were issued on the fi-special bond in the sum of \$2,000.

Robert Talbot's Will. The will of the late Robert E. Talbot, dated October 5 last, and bequeathing his estate to his wife, Joanna, was this afteron filed for probate.

Claims \$10,000 Damages.

Suit at law to recover \$10,000 damages has been instituted by Mary B. Wilkins and her husband, Walter Wilkins, against the Metropolitan Railway Company for injuries alleged to have been received by Mrs. Wil-kins at the hands of the company. Octo-

An interesting announcement of the Hote Empire see ad., page 5.

Those Who Do Not Hail Christmas With Joy.

LETTER CARRIERS AND EXPRESSMEN

Are Glad, Though, to Help Along the Festivities.

LOCAL ASPECT OF AFFAIRS

It is not everybody who hails Christmas with delight. There are two classes of persens who do not care particularly for the season. Of course, they are glad to help celebrate the anniversary, but the time means for them one of hard and in some cases continued labors. Just when other people are preparing to enjoy themselves the most, they are preparing to work the hardest. These are the post office people and the employes of the express companies, whose resources are taxed to the utmost at this season. It appears as if everybody else had conspired to get together and pile

up work on them. For the past week the city post office has greatly resembled a miscellaneous storehouse. Packages and bundles of all kinds and description, shapes and varieties have

been piled up there.

In the majority of cases, though, these have come under four pounds, for nothing



At the Post Office.

limit reaches the post office, and cannot be returned, it is sent to the dead letter office, and helps make up the collection reposing in that tomb-like annex to the general post office.

Busiest Place in Town.

The busiest place in town probably is Uncle Sam's place of business-the local pest office. For the past ten days the work of the office has been increasing, but day before yesterday it became prodigious and taxed the increased working force of the

department to its utmost.

Yesterday the work ran ahead of the record, and today Postmaster Willett looks for a rush. Of course, the office was crowded all day, but no estimate of the amount of business transacted can be approximated until the books are footed up tonight. While, of course, the regular mail claims a large percentage of the increase, the registered mail shows large returns, and the class of matter which includes merchandise, usually done up in packages, threat-ened at one time to block the office.

But the department was not taken un-awares. The officials had experienced a previous Christmas business, and like every



well regulated store, Postmaster Willett increased his working force and made such arrangements in this distribution department that no time was lost by reason of the increase and no interruptions occurred, and it will be the fault of the sender if the Christmas present or letter is not received in time. While the increased business of the holidays costs the United States something in providing extra clerks, the ex-penditure is more than offset by the re-turns from the dead letter sale, the material for which is furnished in large part

during the holidays.

Result of Negligence. This sale is only possible through the carelessness of the people who use the mails. Letters improperly addressed always gravitate to the dead letter office, and Postmaster Willett urges the people, especially those who dispatch bundles, to be careful to write the address legibly, and as an extra precaution to put in one corner of the package the address of the sender. If this is done, even though the address be incorrect, or the person to whom it is ad-dressed may have moved, the package will be returned to the sender forthwith. This was an especially busy day at the ocal post offices throughout the city, the substations, as they are called, and the quasi public officials who operate these stations fattened their coffers by the in-

These substations greatly relieved the

ressure at the city post office. Postmas-

creased sale of stamps.



Christmas Eve.

ter Willett, to expedite business, ordered a number of small tables placed in position outside of the office proper, in the corridor, where young men armed with scales and pencils carefully weighed all mail matter and placed thereon the amount in postage required to send it. In this way the usual crush about the stamp window was position. required to send it. In this way the usual crush about the stamp window was noticeable by its absence, although there was a steady stream of people all day waiting for an opportunity to buy stamps. The clerks handled the crowds well, however, and the best of good humor pervaded the crowd. It was a Christmas throng, and such gatherings filled with peace and happiness are slow to anger.

Carriers Burdened. And what of the poor carriers? They

were simply loaded down with a weight of wce and mail. The carrier occupies the position of the most popular official in pub-lic life during the lolidays, and the young and old alike watch anxiously for his coming, since a visit from him these days pertends happiness. Conscious of the pleasure he is the indirect cause of producing, his extra burdens fall lightly upon his shoulders, and he struggles through the

THE OTHER SIDE biting cold with a beaming face and a happy salutation to each. And when through delay or other causes the expected



For Christmas Dinner. bundle or letter does not arrive, he feels keenly the disappointment. Away he goes, sympathetic letter carrier, bearer of joy and sorrow. The sorrow, however, is forand sorrow. The sorrow, however, is forgotten in these times. It is the Christmas
time, the time of peace, and the sorrows
which make up his life as the innocent
bearer of bad news is forgotten in the gladness of the season. But even during these glad days he brings sorrow. Cruel time is no respecter of persons, and illness, disap-pointments and death come hand in hand

Substitutes All Employed.

All of the substitute carriers, about thiry-five in number, have been put to work, and tomorrow there will be 146 men in the city post office. Ten delivery wagons will be required to transport the mail from the

ost office. "You have no idea how many things are sent away Christmas day," said a local post office official to a Star reporter today. The reason of this is that presents are re-The reason of this is that presents are received from persons whom recipients did bot expect them, and the consequence is, they wish to reciprocate. So they rush to the post office to get off their presents before it is too late. There are a great many people who believe in the motto, 'Christmas presents for revenue only,' which I think is not the right idea for the occasion at all. It is not the value of the gifts, though persons seem to take this into consideration.

"The carriers, while they are not ex-"The carriers, while they are not expected to receive anything, generally or in many cases get things. I know at least one for whom a lady bought a necktie, and I suppose he will get a large number of others."

The crowds lined up in front of the registry, money order and other windows of the city post office resemble those in front the city post office resemble those in front of the box office of a popular theater, where a hundredth night production is being given, with real diamonds for souve-



Even the slant-eyed residents of Chinatown appear to be imbued with the Christmas spirit, and can be seen at the post office sending away letters and pack-

The Express Office. At the express office the usual force has

been doubled. One of the managers told The Star reporter today that some of the managers have been required to work forty-eight hours on a stretch. The rush just now is terrible, and because express matter is not called for or received time shou the least. should not be a cause for wonder in The market people have by no means be

or their Christmas dinners until today. In consequence the crowds in the markets are as typical of the season as they were two or three days ago.
"Hyah's yo' holly an' yo' mistletoe" has

become classical, and the slogan "Here's some ob de fines' poultry yo' ebber stuck a tooth into" is heard, too, in the piaces where provisions are sold.

The day before Christmas, if anything, more characteristic of the season the day itself.

BENEFIT OF NEWSBOYS.

Citizens Liberally Contributing to the Christmas Dinner.

The committee having in charge the preparation of the Christmas dinner at the Maulsby Home, Wednesday, December 29, for the newsboys of Washington are greatly encouraged by the responses to their invitations for aid. The following contributions have already been received or pledged: The Evening Star, \$25; Dr. Mackay-Smith, \$14.50; Mrs. M. E. Norment. \$5; Edward F. Droop, \$2.50; Isador Saks, \$2; Mrs. Teller, \$2; Daniel Fraser, \$2; A Lady Friend, \$2.50; James E. Fitch, \$2; Mrs. J. A. Porter, \$2; I. Gans, \$1; Mrs. Halpine, \$1; F. L. Moore, \$1; Mrs. M. E. Oliver, \$1; Samuel J. Mills, \$1; W. W. Hite, \$1; W. H. Finckel, \$1; L. M. Delno, \$1; Walter Johnson, \$1; W. W. Dodge, \$1; Ballard Morris, \$1; Mrs. R. Beresford, 50 cents; F. C. Somes, 50 cents; E. Morrison Paper Comsomes, 30 cents; E. Morrison Paper Company, 300 wooden plates; Andrews, 300 paper bags; Havenner Baking Company, 100 loaves of bread; L. S. Lusby, one barrel yegetables; Mrs. Daniel H. Ferry, one basket fruit; S. Kann, Sons & Co., 25 yards table covering; Mrs. Gen. Breckinridge, one turkey; Mrs. Gr. Richardson, one turkey; Mrs. Dr. Richardson, one turkey; Miss Ward, one turkey. one turkey.

If the daily donations continue to come

in as liberally the committee will be able to meet their expectations of providing a substantial dinner for fully 300 persons. The kind-hearted citizens are asked to remember these little fellows and help to give them all a bounteous feast by sending some small donation of money or edibles to Mer. small donation of money or edibles to Mrs. J. W. Babson, chairman, or Mrs. I. F. Mac-farland, treasurer, at the Maulsby Home, 230 C street northwest, before Tuesday

LAZENBERRY FUNERAL.

Last Rites to Be Performed Sunday at 3 P.M.

After the coroner's inquest was held yesterday afternoon in the case of William Lazemberry colored, whose body was found in Watt's branch Wednesday morning, the remains were removed to the residence of a sister of the deceased, Mrs. Mary Hines, No. 1404 27th street, from where the funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. From the house the body will be taken to Mount Zion M. E. Church, on 20th street. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Columbia Lodge, No. 1376, G. U. O. O. F., of which deceased had been treasurer for so many years.

Mr. Morris Honesty, financial secretary of

the lodge, will act as master of ceremonies.

Members of the lodge will meet at the hall
on 28th street at 1 o'clock and proceed to
the house in a body. Revs. John H. Giffin and E. W. S. Peck will be the officiating

American Revolution.

The Continental Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold a pub-lic meeting at the Ellesmere Hotel Monday evening next at 8 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Eldridge will deliver a lecture on "Our Country." A musical and literary program will be rendered.

It matters little what it is that you want —whether a situation or a servant—a "want" ad. in The Star will reach the person who can fill your need.

Carroll Institute Bowlers Defeat the

FOREIGN TOUR OF HARVARD'S ELEVEN

Foot Ball Matcht Proposed for Tomorrow Given Up.

CHAIRMAN MOTT'S BULLETIN

The league tenpin match between the Washington Athletic Club and the Carroll Institute, postponed from Wednesday, December 15, was relied off on the latter's alleys last night, and the Carrolis defeated their opponents, wirning two of the three games. Considerable interest was attached to this series, owing to the standing of the clubs in the league, the Carrolls being second and the W. A. C.'s third, with only a slight difference in percentage of games won and lost. By taking two of the games the C. I.'s hold their position in second place, also putting them nearer the Saengerbunds, and the W. A. C.'s within easier reach of the Columbia Athletic Club.

As the league season progresses and the teams are becoming bunched the interest increases, and at last night's games there was a large attendance of spectators.

The Carrella had appropriate controlled

The Carrolls had apparently spent all their energy and skill on their opponents of the preceding night-the South Washington Business Men, as their bowling was of a very inferior order, none of the games eing over the 750 mark. Harlow led his team, with the high average of 169 1-3, and tied Stone for high game of 180.

In the first game the W. A. C.'s took the lead, being twenty-pins ahead in the first frame, increasing it in the fifth box, when they were forty-three pins ahead of their cupponents. From this point to the end of the game it was a close contest, with the result in doubt until the last box, when the W. A. C.'s, by a good finish, won out by eighteen pins. Dietz made the difficult spare of 4-10. Score:

| C. I. | W. A. | St. | The second game was less exciting, the Carrol's taking the lead from the start and finishing with 76 plns to spare. The W. A. C.'s made two more spares than the C. I.'s, but seemed unable to connect with the pins

C. I. St. Sp. Tot. Sp. Tot The Carrolls again took the lead in the third game, increasing it from 17 pins in the first to 63 pins in the fifth box. "Double

for strikes, making only 5 in the entire

headers" were very much in evidence, Rice and Armstrong having two each, and Harlow. Kidd and Miller one each to their credit. Stanton was substituted for Merritt in this game, but did little better than his predecessor. Score:

| C. I. | St. Sp. Tot. | Stanton | 1 | 3 | 119 | Kidd | 4 | 2 | 156 | Rec. | 4 | 3 | 176 | Dietz | 2 | 2 | 120 | Ha.low | 4 | 2 | 461 | Met anily | 1 | 4 | 139 | Stone | 0 | 3 | 108 | Muler | 3 | 3 | 147 | Armstrong | 5 | 2 | 170 | Burch | 1 | 4 | 133 14 13 743 The next league match will be bowled Monday, December 27, when the S. W. B. M. B. C. will be at home to the C. A. C.,

followed on Wednesday by the W. A. C and W. S. B. on the latter's alleys. Standing of the clubs:

Saengerbund Carroll Institute Washing on Athletic Club Coumba Athletic Cub So. Wash. B. M. C.

FOOT BALL GAME GIVEN UP. Virginia and Columbian Elevens Will

Arrangements had been in progress for a foot ball game between the Columbian University and the University of Virginia in this city tomorrow, but owing to the lack of time in the matter of advertising it was thought best to call off the contest. This decision was reached this morning, Manager Nichols of the Columbian team stat-ing, among other reasons the one given above. The proposed All-Washington col-

legiate game was given up some time ago. GOLF CLUB TOURNAMENT.

Program of Matches Arranged for Next Week. The Washington Golf Club will give a Christmas tournament open to all members

of clubs associated or allied with the U.S. Association. The program follows: Monday, December 27, 10:30 a.m.-A qualification round at eighteen holes handicap medal play. The eight or sixteen players making the best net scores to be entitled to play for a cup donated by W. H. Boardman. If the total entries be less than sixteen, only cight will qualify. If more than sixteen, that number (sixteen) will qualify. The committee will be governed by circumstances in deciding the method of playing off ties for place. A cup for the best

scratch score.

Monday, 2 p.m.—First round for Mr. Boardman's cup. Eighteen holes handicap match play.

Monday, 2:30 p.m.—First round for a consolation cup. Open only to those players who play and hand in cards for the opening qualification round and who fail to qualify for Mr. Boardman's cup. Eighteen holes handicap match play. The draw for

this cup will take place promptly at 1:30 p.m. Monday, at the club house.

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.—Second round for Mr. Boardman's cup. Eighteen holes handicap match play.
Tuesday, 10:45 a.m.—Second round for the consolation cup. Eighteen holes handicap match play.
Tuesday, 2 p.m.—Third round for Mr. Boardman's cup. Eighteen holes handicap

match play.
Tuesday, 2:15 p.m.—Third round for the consolation cup. Eighteen holes handicap

cap match play. 11.3 Thursday, Decembery 30, 10:30 a.m. and all day—Competition for a gold medal. Eighteen holes handicap medal play. Entries for this event only will be received up Entries for this meeting will close on December 25 at 6 mm.; and must be sent in writing to J. F. Leech, captain, Metropoli-

TO TAKE ACTION.

L. A. W. Officials Will Meet to Inves gate the Short Track Scandal. Chairman Mott gesterday issued a special bulletin calling a meeting of the members of the racing board of the League of Amer-

ican Wheelmen. The bulletin is as follows:

"A hearing relating to matters connected with the six-day race at Madison Square Garden will be held at the Grand Union Hotel in New York, at 11 o'clock, on the morning of Saturday, December 25. The hearing will be private and witnesses are assured that their testimony will be treated as confidentially as has been the custom of past racing boards, and is with this. The past racing boards, and is with this. The hoard cannot, like a court, compel the attendance of witnesses, and those who will give evidence are promised that the board will not blockade all its channels of information for the future by departing from the usual course. This should be apparent to every prospective witness. All persons who have any evidence of facts which they know of their own knowledge are appealed to to present themselves and give them to the board. The investigation has been proceeding for some time, and much documentary evidence is in the possession of the member for the district and the chair-

SPORTS OF THE DAY man and the identity of all who are concerned is believed to be known. It would therefore be best for the interests of those concerned, that they should attend and testify."

RAMPANT WHIST NONSENSE. Assailants of Conventions Attacked

In these days when whist nonsense runs rampant the lover of the game who follows some of the whist writers of New York papers in their absurdities is prepared for almest anything, but never before has so ridiculous a proposition appeared as the recent attack upon all whist conventions. It is true that the attackers are shortsuiters who have risked their reputation upon the silly short-suit fad, and that having failed are desperate. Still, even from a discredited writer, the theory that all whist advancement should be cast to the winds is almost as amazing as the placing in the same class of those who use the trump signal and those who indulge in finger-

tapping.

The New York Post, however, has seen fit to refer to the subject as follows:
"The abs ird claim that the rotary discard is a private convention has given the short-suit contingent an opportunity to openly express what has always been advocated by such players. The trump signal, echo, call through the honor, and even American leads, have had the ban of printer of the superior of vate convention put upon them by one of the ever-ready short-suit writers. It evi-dently is unknown to these exponents of the game that some of the leads that today the game that some of the leads that today are a part of the American system have been in use for over a hundred years. The lead of the knave to show the king and queen was published by Hoyle, in 1742. The trump call is about fifty years old, while ace followed by queen showing knave is twenty-five years old. In view of these facts it would be interesting to have the short-suffer annuance how great the entishort-sulter announce how great the anti-quity of any whist play must be to entitle it to the name of 'private convention.' In a column article that lately appeared on this subject, a list of so-called conventions were suggested that were said to be exactly on a level with any of the methods of play which are used by the champions of the American Whist League and which have the approval of the national organization. In commenting upon the benefits that might accrue from winks and nods and he like, the writer quite forgot the advantage that might arise from an accidental change of trump just as long as this "convention' remained a private one."

Harvard Cricketers to Go Abroad. Arrangements are under way to have the Harvard cricket team go abroad next summer and to compete with English university and school teams. The movement was agitated here last year to have last year's intercollegiate championship eleven make the trip, but the plans amounted to

Players as Conchers. Joe Kelley of the Baltimores will coach

the Georgetown University players in March. "Bob" Lowe will have charge of the Princeton students. Tenney will be at Brown, Ed Lewis at Harvard and George Davis at Columbia University. An Aerial Warship.

Mr. William S. Roberts of Hartford City, Ind., has submitted to the chief signal officer of the army plans and specifications of an aerial warship, which he has invented after fifteen years' work. He claims to have solved to a greater degree than the scientists that have been working under the direction of the government of Germany and other foreign countries the problem of successfully combating the air

Crittenden Robinson Off to Europe. SAN FRANCISCO, December 24.-Crittenden Robinson, the veteran pigeon shot, who represented California in European shooting events last spring, has decided to attempt a second campaign across the waters. Robirson left this city last night for New York, and will sail next week for Liverpeol. He has arranged to be at Monte Carlo by the middle of next month, and will take a hand in all big events of the shooting program, which is to open at that famous resort about January 24.

THE COURTS.

Equity Court No. 1-Justice Cox. Bailey agt. Otto; sale confirmed and J. Wilmarth appointed trustee to convey. Fletcher agt. Fletcher; testimony before James A. Clark, examiner, ordered taken. Ruffin agt. Benjamin; restraining order returnable January 3 granted. Filmore agt. Grant; purchaser required to comply with terms of sale. Downs agt. Downs; defendant restrained from interfering with com-plainant. Windsor agt. McDowell; bill dismissed with costs. Elliot agt. Webb; rule missed with costs, Elliot agt. Webb; ruie on defendant returnable at rule day after fourteen days. Keleher agt. Keleher; sale ratified nisi. Regular Army and Navy Union agt. Regular Army and Navy Union et al.; rule discharged and injunction refused. Ament agt. Belt Railway Company; sale decreed with American Security and sale decreed, with American Security and Trust Company trustee to sell and re-ceiver authorized to make payment on account of wages.

Circuit Court No. 1-Justice Cole. Debovis agt. Sheehy; motion for new trial overruled and judgment. Earnshaw agt. Fitzhugh; judgment for plaintiff by confession. Cumberland agt. B. and P. R. R. Co.; motion for new trial overruled and judgment. Hall agt. Travelers' Insurance Company; motion for new trial granted. Parker agt. W. and G. R. R. Company; motion for new trial granted. motion for new trial continued till next term. Hooman agt. Croissala; motion for judgment granted; appeal. Wise agt. District of Columbia; motion for judgment in

Columbia; do. Natalie Anthracite Coal satisfaction of juagment granted unless Barnes agt. Metropolitan Railroad Company et al.; motion for new trial overruled and judgment. Watts agt. Wolf; leave to amend declaration in five days with leave to plead by January 10.

Probate Court-Justice Hagner. Estate of James W. Case, letters of ad-Estate of James W. Case, letters of administrator granted to James A. Case; bond, \$500. Estate of John W. Shelton; do. to Wra. W. Grymes; bond, \$200. Estate of Matilda Morrell; do. to J. Wm. Lee; bond, \$2,000. Estate of Gottfried Schroeder; do. to Reinhold J. M. Doerner; bond, \$2,800. Estate of Robt. E. Talbot; will filed. Estate of Cara Roeser; order of publication. Estate of Gardiner G. Hubbard; will admitted to probate and letters testamentary. mitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Gertrude M. Hubbard and Cras J. Bell: special bond, \$2,000. Estate of Ru dolph A. Knapp; order of sale. Estate of Eugene Baumann; proof of publication. Estate of Thos. L. Salkeld; do.

Estate of Frances A. Petingale; will admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Saml. K. Petingale—bond, \$650. Estate of Harry C. Fisk; do. to Edwin B. Hay—bond, \$500. Estate of Thos. P. Morgan; cause postponed until January 7. In re Martha L. Shoemaker, guardian; order to invest \$2,200. In re Mary A. McMahon, guardian; order of allowance. In re Annie Campbell, minor; American Security and Trust Company appointed guardian. In re Josephine Webster, guardian; order of allowance. In re Wallace A. Bartlett, guardian; petition refused. In re Sophie L. Walker, guardian; order of appointment bond, \$7,000. Estate of Frances M. Lough-

KINDERGARTEN EXERCISES.

Pleasing Program at the Marion K Harries School.

The Christmas exercises of the Marion K. Harries Kindergarten took place today at 10 a.m.. A number of the parents and friends of the pupils were present at the school room, 1724 New Jersey avenue northwest, and it were hard to find a more appreciative audience than that which greeted the little folks as they sang, recited and went through their pretty little games.

Among those present were Mr. H. J. Browne (New York Journal) and Mrs. Browne, Mr. J. A. Chamberlain (superintendent manual training) and Mrs. Chamberlain, Gen. Harries and Mrs. Harries, Rev. Dr. Duncan, Mrs. and Miss Janney, Mr. Koser, Mrs. and Miss Upton, Mrs. Nut-well, Mrs. J. H. Muirhead, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. W. E. Shreve, Mr. F. L. Harries, and

the usual course. This should be apparent to every prospective witness. All persons who have any evidence of facts which they know of their own knowledge are appealed to to present themselves and give them to the board. The investigation has been proceeding for some time, and much documentary evidence is in the possession of the member for the district and the chair-

QUESTION OF TAXES

On This Tammany May Have Trouble With Brooklyn Allies.

LATTER WANT THE COMMISSIONERS

It is a Vital Matter From a Financial View Point.

PATRONAGE FOR MR. PLATT

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, December 23, 1897. It is said that the policy of the Brooklyn leaders now is to let everything else go if they can secure control of the tax and finance departments of the consolidated city. They got the controller, and their success has encouraged them to believe that they may finally name a majority of the tax commissioners. The control of the tax department is of vast importance to property owners and all kinds of business and financial interests in the boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn.

The charter directs the tax commissioners to equalize assessments throughout the territory of the consolidated city, and this concerns property owners more than any other feature of the new government. The commissioners and the deputy commissioners who make the assessments are in realers who make the assessments are in reality the sole judges of the market value of real estate. The Brooklyn politicians are backed up by the taxpayers and many strong financial influences of that borough in their efforts to get control of the taxing machinery of the greater city.

They are making a fight that has already embarrassed the Tammany leaders and

embarrassed the Tammany leaders, and has caused much delay in making a final slate for city appointments. Very strong influences in the borough of Manhattan influences in the borough of Manhattan have been brought to bear upon the Tammany leaders to keep the control of the tax department on this side of the East river. The Tammany leaders realize that they must control the tax machinery if they are to approximate their ante-election premises. Of course, they disclaim any political reason for wishing to retain control of the department, and place their action upon the basis of protection to the action upon the basis of protection to the property owners of Manhattan and Bronx. Why Tammany Will Object.

A glance at the situation will show why Tammany is not likely to let Brooklyn, whose tax rate is very much higher than the local rate, have the say about the equalizing of the taxes. The next tax levy must be uniform throughout the consolidated city. That is, the rate must be the same in every borough, and the basis of assessed values the same. The Brooklyn politicians and taxpayers expect to obtain politicians and taxpayers expect to obtain a double reduction, a lower tax rate on reduced valuations. In order to obtain this immense practical advantage for that borough from consolidation, it will be necessary to raise valuations of real estate in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx to 70 or 80 per cent of its market price, and also fix a higher tax rate next year. The increase of valuation for taxing purposes and an increased tax rate operate to reduce the market value or actual selling price of real estate. The adjustment and equalization desired by the Brooklyn politicians and property owners, if accomplished, would at once increase the market value of real estate in that borough to the extent of millions of dollars, and cause a extent of millions of dollars, and cause a corresponding depreciation of values on this side of the East river. It is not likely this side of the East river. It is not have, that Tammany will permit this, with the net result that there will be more political sore spots and more knives out seeking for a weak spot in the tiger's armor.

Rapid Transit Problem. The question of rapid transit still agitates

the New Yorkers. Your correspondent recently called attention to the fact that over a third of a million dollars had been exspadeful of earth turned, not a stick or a stone or an iron placed in position. This expenditure of a third of a million dollars only illustrates the size of New York op-erations, the lusciousness of the plums that await Tammany and the metropolitan method of doing things. In a smaller city the expenditure of a third of a million dollars without visible results would call for emphatic protests on the part of the peo-ple. It would produce a political revolu-

tion if it did not produce a mob.

One of the papers opposed to the rapid transit project several days ago discovered apparently for the first time this waste an. contained an arraignment of the rapid transit commission for spending so large an amount of the people's money and producing nothing to show for it. "They are paid for thinking," explained the paper. The members of the commission are not alowed a salary, it was also explained, but they vote themselves \$5,000 apiece with an alarming and frequent regularity. The law, it may be mentioned in passing, allows the commissioners "a reasonable compensabut it would seem to have been wiser and cheaper to have arranged for paying the commissioners a salary. Up to the the commissioners a salary. Up to the present time the rapid transit commission question seems to be "chaos confounded."

Senator Platt Busy. Senator Thomas C. Platt is busy arranging his slate of names of republican members of the various boards and commissions, but it is not expected they will be announced this week. It is, of course, denied that any understanding exists between Richard Croker and the senator whereby the latter will get all the republican patronage, yet Chairman Quigg hints at the same thing in another way. "The republican organization at the proper time," he Star. If anybody has what you wish, you "will submit the names of the men

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has selected, and I believe Mayor Van

Wyck will see the force of the argument that they are entitled to the best considera-tion." This is a more delicate way of stating the cold fact that Platt will choose and Croker will appoint his selections; but the Platt-Croker deal for that arrangement was all made long ago. Senator Platt affects to regard with indifference the republican re-volt from his leadership. He talks very voit from his leadership. He talks very ittle of the matter, but with all the federal patronage of the state at his command and with Croker aiding him in every way in the city, he is confident that he can whip the malcontents in the state convention or on any other field they may wish to try conclusions. Mr. Platt will extend no olive branches, but if any doves of harmony come fluttering over his cote, he will read any message they may hear. But no doves any message they may bear. But no doves are likely to be sent out by the anti-Platt republicans. They are busy perfecting their organization. Their present purpose is to go right ahead with their fight just as though they constituted the entire re-publican party. They will try, they say, to demonstrate by a big enrollment that they represent all the brain and sinew of the party in Manhattan, and on the strength of this showing to rally the anti-Platt repub-licans in every county in the state to meir

support.

As to municipal patronage, as one of the strongest anti-Platt fighters says: "We don't expect any, and we don't want any. The more Platt gets from Croker the worse off he'll be. We want our republican friends in the state to understand, what they have been slow to grasp, that Platt is responsible for Tammany's return to power. When Croker begins to pay Platt off by appointing his backers. off by appointing his henchmen to traffic, our friends up in the state will see this more clearly."

HOW HORSES DRINK.

Experience shows that horses must not

be allowed to drink freely before hard rid-

They Like Warm Water and Are Quite Fastidious. London Spectator.

ing or driving; but this, too, is in keeping with their natural, or perhaps we should say their acquired, habits when originally pended by rapid transit commissions in wild. If, as is probably the case, the will connection with this underground work and borses lived in the Central Asian steppes, connection with this underground work, not like the kiang, or Central Asian wild ass, like the African antelopes and zebras, the originals of the species probably drank only once in the twenty-four hours, going to considerable distance to obtain water. Another probable survival is the horse's dislike to drinking very cold water. It is commonly said that horses like pond-water and "dirty" water. What they really like is water with the chill off; cold spring water disagrees with them. Moreover, they are mighty particular as to the taste of their drinking water. Some years ago one of several horses refused to drink lis water, and was at once pronounced to be "ill." This caused inquiry, and it tran-spired that one of the children had washed guinea pig in this horse's bucket. The horse would not drink the guinea pig's bath water. In the same way, cows, though less elect in their choice of drinking water than is desirable for those who co their milk, dislike touching water from tubs from which a dog has drunk, and will refuse it altogether if a dog has bath-ed in it. The Turks always allow their borses to drink as much as they please and when they please; and the Osmanli were always accustomed to make long Journeys on hotseback. But the more intelligent Arabs, than whom no race except the Eng-lish has paid more attention to the subject give their horses little water-a practice they follow themselves. A paste of flour, cates, a little water and camel's milk, is among many tribes the staple food for the desert horse. But we may say of him and his master, "The wilderness and the barren It nd are his dwelling; he scorneth the mul-titude of the city." He is a born "ab-stainer," even from excess in water drink-

will get an answer.



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